

## AVENGERS THWARTED BY SHERIFF

Bob Davis, Rock Island Employee, Shot  
by Negro Saturday Night and is Dan-  
gerously Wounded; Jess  
Smith is Jailed

## PRISONER SPEEDILY TAKEN TO ANADARKO

Present Whereabouts Unknown; Party of  
Men Search City and County Bastiles;  
More Officers Proposed for  
Dark Section

Dr. Livermore, of the Chickasha hospital stated this afternoon that the condition of Davis was serious and might be said to be dangerous. The doctor said that the pistol ball had penetrated the left lung; that the lung was badly congested with blood and that the wounded man was expectorating blood. It was also stated that it would be almost impossible and very dangerous to remove the ball, or to attempt its removal at present.

Bob Davis, a Rock Island employee, was shot and dangerously wounded Sunday morning, at 12:30 o'clock, by a negro known to the police as Jess Smith. Davis was returning to his home on South Shepherd street, from his work at the Rock Island shops. He was accompanied by John Heatherly, Arvin Franklin and another young man whose name is not known to the police.

According to statements made by Davis, and corroborated by his companions, the four young men were walking along the street, making no noise and misbehaving in no way, when the negro crossed the street diagonally, and walked up to them and commenced using abusive and indecent language.

After saying a few words the negro slipped Heatherly, knocking his hat off, turned to Franklin and told him to "beat it." As Franklin "beat it" the negro drew his gun and shot Davis.

The ball, from a .38 caliber automatic, passed through the muscle of the left arm and penetrated the left side. It was understood this morning that it had lodged in the upper part of the left lung. However, a phone call to the Chickasha hospital failed to verify this statement.

Sheriff Bailey and Deputy Castleman were on the scene within a few minutes of the shooting. An ambulance was called and the wounded man moved to the hospital. The companions of Davis had already telephoned the police and police officers soon arrived on the spot.

At 12:30 Sunday afternoon Sheriff Bailey located the negro in a house on South Shepherd street, and placed him under arrest, transferred him to the county jail only to leave with him in a short time for Anadarko where he was taken for safe keeping.

Scarcely had the negro, Smith, been locked up in the county jail, when someone called the jail and stated that Smith's people had requested the sheriff to convey to him the information that "if he ever did any prying now was sure the time to get busy and pray."

A few rapid inquiries, a short investigation, and Sheriff Bailey satisfied himself that if a lynching was to be avoided it would be necessary to get the negro out of Chickasha at once. Calling a service car and telling his deputies, "I'm going to Oklahoma City with the nigger," Sheriff Bailey loaded his prisoner aboard and left Chickasha, northward-bound, in a cloud of dust. However, the sheriff did not go to Oklahoma City with his prisoner. On the contrary he took him to Anadarko and delivered him to the sheriff of Caddo county. Telephone messages received from Anadarko state that the Caddo sheriff, soon, became uneasy and removed the negro to a jail in some other city, the place not known.

That Sheriff Bailey made no mistake in figuring the possibility of a mob was shown when, within 30 minutes of the time he left the jail with his prisoner the mob assembled at that point.

Calmly and quietly, without noise or demonstration, under an efficient

leadership, no one masked and no one creating any disturbance, the advance guard of the determined men marched to the jail and stated to Jailer Dryden that they were looking for a negro and thought he had him.

Jailer Dryden, just as quietly told them that the negro was not there. "He was here, boys," said Mr. Dryden, "but he is not here now." The leaders of the band asked that they be allowed to "inspect" the jail. This request was granted and after a thorough investigation the party left satisfied that their man was not in Grady county's strong box.

The crowd which went to the jail and made the demand on the jailer was composed of approximately 50 men, while fully 200 are said to have lined up along Choctaw avenue, in front of the court house, remaining there until the report came that "our nigger ain't here, boys."

From the county jail the advance guard of the vengeance seekers walked to the city hall, at Sixth street and Choctaw avenue. Desk Sergeant Elston was informed of the wishes of the "boys." "Have you got the nigger?" asked the leaders of Sergeant Elston.

Sergeant Elston replied that he did not have the negro.

"May we search your jail?" asked the leaders.

Having no prisoners in the jail, the sergeant turned the wheel which automatically unlocks all the cell doors, simultaneously, threw open the door to the "bull pen," and invited the "crowd" to "step in and help yourselves."

Satisfied that the negro was not in that department the demand was then made that the female department of the city jail be thrown open. No prisoners being in that section, likewise, Sergeant Elston opened the doors and suffered the cells of the female department to be searched.

No negro being forthcoming, the leaders of the "avengers" marshalled their forces out on the street and stated to them, in substance, "They have got our nigger out of the city, boys. We'll have to wait until he is brought back for trial."

Sheriff Bailey stated this morning that he felt that he had done his duty in removing the negro from Grady county. He said, "I am a sworn officer of the law. It was my duty to see that the negro was protected from mob violence and I am glad I have been able to be instrumental in saving

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## DISORDER DEPLORED BY BLACKS

Following the shooting Saturday night, a number of the negroes of the city held a meeting and adopted the following:

Chickasha, Okla., June 4, 1916.  
We, the undersigned negro citizens, serve notice herein to all:

That we deplore the shooting that occurred Saturday night. We also further pledge ourselves to join forces with all law abiding people and peace officers to stamp out all illicit places be it a place of business or a residence. Hoping that we may meet the approval and obtain the assistance of the law abiding citizens of Chickasha and Grady county.

Be it also known that each and all of us will personally aid in the apprehension of any one who shall commit any act that should be unlawful at any time in the future. We also pray that the mayor and city council through the chief of police and assistants will use all available means to restrain the idle whites from the negro resorts.

We further pray that all places of questionable character and business that make a practice of violating the law be removed.

Resolution Committee—Jas. Starks, G. O. Hardeman, I. Medlock, A. L. Branch, E. R. Cannon.

J. T. King, President.

T. W. Smoot, Secretary.

Citizens' signatures:—Rev. J. S. Smith, Dr. T. W. Thompson, Peter House, Jack Jackson, C. N. Carter, Clarence Graves, J. H. Green, J. H. Fletcher, Wade Graves, E. G. Boyd, Jas. J. Devold, Joseph Johnson, Tom Williams, Elwood Stephenson, Roscoe Bass, Ind. Jackson, W. M. McDonald, C. Burton, W. M. Simms, E. Kittrell, M. C. Fletcher, H. H. Williams, J. F. Fletcher, W. P. DeKnight, Jas. Lundon, Alfred Hutchins, D. B. Hill, A. F. Douglas, S. O. Wiley, A. J. Corbin and E. A. Ferguson.

## LOSS NEAR SAME IS ALLEGED

British Admiralty Still Stands by Former  
Statement Concerning Big Naval  
Battle; Hopes for Men Saved  
are Shattered

## BAN IS PUT ON MEAT EATING IN GERMANY

New Food Dictator Orders People to Ab-  
stain for Eight Weeks; Declares  
Kaiser's Folks in No Danger  
of Starving

By United Press.

London, June 5.—The admiralty today continued to maintain that German losses in the great sea battle last week reached a total of one hundred and thirteen thousand tons, or nearly the same as the British losses, but eighty thousand more tons than the German admiralty admits.

The British claim that the Germans lost the battleship Westfalen, the battle cruiser Derfflinger and Lutrow, one light cruiser, three additional destroyers and one submarine, the loss of which Germany has not admitted.

Vessels arriving from Copenhagen and telling tales of the heavy losses in the sea battle crushed the hopes of hundreds of British families that their members who were in the fight might be alive.

Reports from the sea coasts say that the Warspite came back damaged, discrediting the claim of the Germans that vessel was sunk.

Germans Laugh.

By United Press.

Berlin, June 5.—Germany is laughing over England's claim of victory in Wednesday's naval battle. One official pointed out that with two more such victories England would have only a row boat navy left.

Food Dictator is Interviewed.

By United Press.

Berlin, June 5.—Herr Adolph von Batocki, the new food dictator, holding one of the most important positions in Germany at the present time, told the United Press today that Germans would not be permitted to eat meat during the next eight weeks.

Batocki said the new regulations need not cause alarm in Germany or elation among the allies. He said there is enough food for Germany, declaring that the starvation blockade of the allies would fail to accomplish its purpose even if the coming German crop is only moderately bountiful.

The meat shortage in Germany is expected to continue for three months. No meat will be eaten during the next eight weeks because cattle are too lean, due to last year's poor harvest and they must be fattened.

Note:—The foregoing interview was the first granted by Batocki since his appointment. The United Press obtained from him a frank discussion of the food problems of Germany, the gist of his interview being printed above.—Ed.

## JUNE TERM DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Will Linn convened the regular June term of the district court in and for Grady county this morning. Cases have been set for a four day's term. No jury cases will be tried at this term of court. The morning session of the court today was taken up with hearing motions, disposing of demurrers and other routine business.

## SADDLE THIEVES ARRESTED.

C. M. Massey, S. H. Holcomb and H. N. Rodgers, all living about four miles west of Chickasha, reported to Sheriff Bailey this morning the loss of saddles. The saddles stolen were worth approximately \$90. Sheriff Bailey wired to sheriffs of adjoining counties and soon learned that the men wanted saddles and all, were at Cordell where the men had been arrested. Sheriff Bailey will endeavor to have the sheriff of Washita county waive that county's right to the prisoners on the misdemeanor charges, until after Grady county shall get a shot at them on grand larceny charges.

## AMERICAN CAMP IN THE BIG BEND DISTRICT



A scene "somewhere" in the Big Bend district showing the encampment of United States troops. Some 30,000 Carranzistas are being assembled on the international boundary commanding the Big Bend district. It is believed that this portends another request of Carranza to withdraw the United States troops from Mexico.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
Tonight, unsettled; cooler  
in east portion. Tuesday, gen-  
erally fair.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 5  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 59; minimum, 69.  
Rainfall during 24 hours  
ending 8 a. m., .32 inch.  
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## WON'T PAY ANY PRICE FOR PEACE

Progressive Chieftain Issues Statement;  
Hughes Still Silent; Hitchcock Pre-  
dicts His Nomination on First  
Ballot; Teddy Boom Slumps

By United Press.

Chicago, June 5.—A Progressive committee, headed by George W. Perkins, was named to confer with the Republicans on platform and candidates.

After a session of the Progressive national committee, Perkins issued a statement in which he said the Progressives want peace but are not willing to pay too high a price for it. Some contend that this means that Hughes is not acceptable to them.

Frank Hitchcock, the unofficial boomer, declared today that the nomination of Hughes on the first ballot is inevitable. The Roosevelt boom had slumped perceptibly at noon and the Hughes boom was leading.

A dispatch from Washington said Hughes would not make any statement and contemplated making none despite the assertion of Lucien Bonheur, the New York Mosser, that if he did not declare his principles he would be regarded as the candidate of the German-American alliance.

Eight regulars of the contesting Texas delegates were seated today when contesting delegates-at-large withdrew.

## JUVENILES DISCHARGED.

Ralph Tidwell, Artie Collier and Erin Buttram, small boys who were charged with entering feloniously the stores of W. G. Jahn and Mrs. A. R. Ramsey at Alex several days ago, were tried before Judge Havenport of the county court this morning and discharged. About forty witnesses were at the trial from Alex.

## LIKE CLUB GIRLS' CAKE.

Mrs. Martin Coryell, woman agent for Grady county, who recently visited the domestic science clubs at Bradley, stated that the girls of those clubs are taking great interest in their work as evidenced by the fact that their fathers and brothers who recently partook of a dinner served by the club expressed themselves as wishing the girls would "feed them on that kind of cake all the time."

## AUSTIN CALLS FOR FUNDS TO ADVERTISE COLLEGE

In response to a request from the Daily Express for a statement in regard to the necessity for publicity for the college at the present time, President Austin today prepared for publication an appeal to the citizens of Chickasha, in which he succinctly sets forth the situation declaring that there never was a time when advertising was more needed by the institution than now. He attributes the rapid growth of the school during the past two years largely to the systematic advertising campaign that he has conducted and asks the citizens to continue to support him in his efforts to advance the interests of the institution. Mr. Austin's statement is as follows:

"I have made my plans for the advertising of the Oklahoma College for Women during the vacation. I am of the opinion that there has never been a time when publicity of the institution means more to its prosperity than now. There were 86 per cent more pupils enrolled during the session just closed than were enrolled in the school during the year previous to my administration and this increase has been due to the systematic advertising that has been given the college. We must not let this interest take a backward step, but this will certainly be the result if we fail to keep the school clearly before the people of the state. My plans involve an expenditure of a little more than \$700 and I am forced to ask the citizens of Chickasha for this amount of money in order to accomplish what I so much desire. There is no way by which this citizenship could spend this amount of money and receive any thing like equal returns. I have never asked the people of Chickasha for but two things—their co-operation and funds to advertise the college and I have received both and the results speak for themselves. The legislature meets this year and we have no right to ask an appropriation at its hands unless we can show that the needs of the institution merit consideration. This advertising campaign will go far towards solving this part of the proposition.

Additional room for fifty girls has been provided for by a private individual and something must be done to find these additional young women and this can not be done by sitting in easy chairs during the summer and expect them to come without effort. Institutions are not built that way.

On next Sunday there will appear a strong ad in the following papers of Oklahoma and same will be repeated each Sunday until the first of September: Oklahoman, Muskogee Times-Democrat, Lawton News, Enid News, Ardmoreite, Oklahoma Farmer, Oklahoma Farm and Stockman, Oklahoma Magazine Section, and Oklahoma World, making an enormous circulation of 525,500 and a contract has been let for the printing of 20,000 booklets of twelve pages each, that will be sent to 20,000 young women of the state. This is the channel through which the \$700 will pass and I am sure the noble citizenship of Chickasha will be glad to pay the bill.

The Oklahoma College for Women is destined soon to be the greatest girls' school in the southwest and when it reaches that stage, a monument should be erected to the memory of US ALL and not to any one individual. Yours respectfully, G. W. Austin, president."

A. C. Boswell bought a piece of trouble for himself when he went to the county jail yesterday to tell the sheriff's officers that someone had been threatening him. After Boswell had imparted to Deputy Castleman the information that he wanted a fellow citizen pinched, Castleman suggested to him the possibility that he himself might be a violator of the law.

"Haven't you got a gun on you right now?" asked Castleman, following up the question by searching Boswell. The search revealed an trim of the shooting kind.

Boswell was held in custody until this morning when he was brought before Judge T. P. Moore, where he pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a pistol and paid a \$25 fine.

Mrs. A. R. Prothro, accompanied by her two children, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. R. Major, and other relatives in Chickasha.

J. W. Vaughan, of Alex, a merchant, was in Chickasha this morning on business with the county court.

A dozen negro shanties were razed at Muskogee and two tanks of oil of 5,000 barrel each capacity were destroyed at Glenn Pool, Oklahoma. The Wichita Falls and Northwestern reports serious washouts and wires are down.

MAY INVESTIGATE DEATH  
OF WOMAN AT ALEX.

J. W. Vaughan and D. Arthur Williams, who are in Chickasha today from Alex, stated that considerable mystery seems to enshroud the death, by burning, of Mrs. Maude Bonardant, which occurred in Alex Saturday morning. Burned matches and a vial supposed to have contained chloroform were found upon the floor of the bed room wherein the fatal accident occurred. Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Vaughan will request the county attorney to come to Alex and make a thorough investigation of the matter.

REPORT OF SALE FILED.

The report of the sale of the lands of Mrs. Elizabeth Scarlett, deceased, consisting of 300 acres, was filed this morning with County Judge Havenport. The land was bought by Dick Scarlett, a son of the deceased, for the sum of \$7,000. Judge Havenport has not yet approved the sale.

## CHICAGO IS NOW NOISE EMPORIUM

Arrival of Convention Crowds Fills Windy  
City With Commotion; Delegates,  
Alternates and Boosters Throng  
Lobbies of Hotels

## TICKET SELLERS ASK FANCY PREMIUMS

Only 12,400 Seats are Available for  
Spectators; Fakirs With Badges,  
Banners and Pictures are  
Reaping Rich Harvest

By United Press.

Chicago, June 5.—Chicago started to make good on the prediction that for the next week it will be the noisiest spot in the world—unless it be Verdun. Certainly it will be the spot where more words are spilled than anywhere else.

All of which is by way of preface to the fact that the convention crowds began arriving today. They came chartered by bands, megaphoned assistants, singers and just plain noise-makers.

By Wednesday, Chicago will be swollen with people to nearly twice its normal size.

There are 985 delegates to the Republican national convention, to arrive, 985 alternates to the same; nearly 1,000 delegates and alternates to the Progressive national convention, 39,000 women workers for the ballot, mostly out of town boosters, to say nothing of the just plain spectators to the various affairs.

Already the lobbies of Chicago's loop hotels seem as choked with humanity as they did at the height of the Republican convention sessions four years ago.

All the hotels, incidentally, began today removing every bit of furniture from their lobbies.

No flower pots, vases, or chairs will clutter up space where enthusiasts may gossip, nor be near at hand for weapons in case arguments wax too hot.

One well known hotel, which sports a fountain in the middle of one of its dining rooms, began today to inclose this spot of water. It is a precaution which proved successful four years ago and saved a lot of rescues of persons and things which in previous convention times seemed to have a natural habit of gravitating thereto.

The Coliseum and the Auditorium, where the Republican and Progressive hosts will hold solemn conclaves, were ready for the crowds today.

Tickets for the Republican convention were at the biggest premium they ever have been for such a gathering.

There were plenty of offers of \$550 for a single ticket admitting holder to the expected four daily sessions—and tickets scarce at that.

It was estimated that the attempt to gain admittance will be made in vain by about ten thousand people. Only 12,400 seats for the public have been provided in the Coliseum.

Fakirs thronged Michigan avenue and reaped a rich harvest in the sale of badges, banners, pictures and souvenirs.

Most of the big delegations were expected today.

New York's 90, with alternates, co-workers, hangers-on and admirers, arrived on a special train this morning.

Deputy chief of Police Schustler has sworn in several hundred extra policemen and almost an equal number of plain clothesmen borrowed from other cities, went on duty today to keep a wary eye on the undesirable.

The only formal routine observed today was the meeting of the Republican national committee, creating up contests and transacting the thousand and one details incident to stage-managing the big pow-wow.

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